

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USBERL 02290 01 OF 02 141731Z

11

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 IO-10

ACDA-05 SAM-01 SAJ-01 OMB-01 /077 W

----- 013925

R 141535Z NOV 75

FM USMISSION USBERLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1660

AMEMBASSY BONN

INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

USMISSION NATO

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 USBERLIN 2290

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, GW, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET COMPLAINT AT ESTABLISHMENT OF
SPORTS ACADEMY IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) USBERLIN 2198; (B) BONN 17878;

(C) USBERLIN 2259; (D) USBERLIN A-159

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR KHOTULEV CALLED
ON CHAIRMAN(US) POLAD NOV 13 TO COMPLAIN THAT ALLIES
HAD FAILED TO PASS ON THE FRG AND SENAT AUTHORITIES
SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO PLANNED ESTABLISHMENT OF SPORTS
ACADEMY IN WESTERN SECTORS AND THAT, ACCORDINGLY,
PRESS REPORTS BASED ON SENAT SOURCES HAD GIVEN
MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS HAD IN FACT NO
PROBLEMS WITH THIS. ALLIED MISSIONS WERE REQUESTED
TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT. POLAD RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD
STUDY SOVIET STATEMENT. WE SEE NO DIFFICULTY IN
COMPLYING WITH SOVIET REQUEST THAT FRG AND SENAT
AUTHORITIES BE INFORMED AND WE WOULD RECOMMEND, IN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USBERL 02290 01 OF 02 141731Z

ADDITION, THAT SUBSTANCE OF SOVIET OBJECTIONS BE

ANSWERED BY POINTING OUT THAT IN THIS CASE THERE IS NO QUESTION OF EXERCISE BY FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY OVER WESTERN SECTORS. END SUMMARY.

2. SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR KHOTULEV CALLED ON CHAIRMAN (US) POLAD NOV 13 TO DELIVER FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE REPORTS WHICH APPEARED IN THE WEST BERLIN PRESS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS WITH REFERENCE TO THE STATEMENTS OF OFFICIAL SENAT REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SOVIET UNION ALLEGEDLY HAD NOT RAISED OBJECTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PLANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT IN WEST BERLIN OF THE SO-CALLED GERMAN SPORTS ACADEMY. FROM AMONG THE LAST REPORTS OF THIS SORT I AM PARTICULARLY DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE NEWSPAPER TAGESSPIEGEL ABOUT THE STATEMENTS OF SPD HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FRAKTION LEADER HAUS THAT THERE WERE ALLEGEDLY "NO SUCH CONFIRMED REPORTS ABOUT OBJECTIONS FROM MOSCOW." IN THIS CONNECTION A WELL-FOUNDED DISSATISFACTION HAS ARISEN ON THE SOVIET SIDE BY THE FACT THAT THE THREE WESTERN POWERS, JUDGING FROM EVERYTHING, DID NOT INFORM THE SENAT AND OTHER COMPETENT WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES ABOUT OUR POSITION IN RELATION TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PLANS WHICH WAS PRESENTED COMPLETELY CLEARLY BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR P.A. ABRASIMOV IN HIS LAST MEETINGS WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR M. WORMSER AND THE AMBASSADOR OF GREAT BRITAIN, MR. O. WRIGHT. AS IS KNOWN, THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE SOVIET SIDE CONSIDERS PLANS TO ESTABLISH STILL ANOTHER FEDERAL INSTITUTION IN WEST BERLIN AS A DIRECT POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION MADE TO REINFORCE THE PRETENSES OF THE FRG TOWARD THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ILLEGAL "FEDERAL PRESENCE" IN THIS CITY. IT WAS UNDERLINED, FOR EXAMPLE, IN A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR WORMSER THAT THE SOVIET UNION DOUBTLESS COULD NOT

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 USBERL 02290 01 OF 02 141731Z

SILENTLY LET PASS THIS DIRECT ATTEMPT TO VIOLATE THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971. WE CONSIDER THAT OUR OPINION WOULD DOUBTLESS BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE WEST BERLINCITY AUTHORITIES AND REPORTED ALSO TO THE APPROPRIATE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THESE ILLEGAL PLANS. IN DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE ABOVE WE WOULD

LIKE TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE AUTHORITIES OF
THE THREE WESTERN POWERS IN WEST BERLIN WILL TAKE
MEASURES FOR THE CORRECTION OF THE SITUATION
WHICH IS DEVELOPING AND IN PARTICULAR AS A FIRST
STEP WILL INFORM THE APPROPRIATE WEST BERLIN AND
WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE POSITION OF THE
SOVIET UNION ON THIS QUESTION. END TEXT
POLAD RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD STUDY SOVIET STATEMENT
AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USBERL 02290 02 OF 02 150632Z

15

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

ACDA-05 IO-10 SAM-01 SAJ-01 OMB-01 /077 W

----- 026050

R 141535Z NOV 75

FM USMISSION USBERLIN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1661
AMEMBASSY BONN
INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
USMISSION NATO
AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 USBERLIN 2290

3. COMMENT: AS ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL, AMBASSADOR
ABRASIMOV RAISED QUESTION OF SPORTS ACADEMY WITH
FRENCH AMBASSADOR WORMSER AT OCT 29 LUNCHEON IN
CONTEXT OF "UNACCEPTABLE" INCREASE IN FEDERAL PRESENCE
AND EXERCISE OF FEDERAL AUTHORITY IN WESTERN SECTORS
(REF A AND B). WORMSER REPLIED THAT, FROM
PRELIMINARY OBSERVATION, HIS VIEW WAS THAT ACADEMY'S
LOCATION IN BERLIN WOULD IN NO WAY CONSTITUTE
PERFORMANCE OF ACTS IN EXERCISE OF DIRECT STATE
AUTHORITY OVER WESTERN SECTORS. ACCOUNT THAT
MISSION RECEIVED FROM BMG OF NOV 10 ABRASIMOV-

WRIGHT MEETING (REF C) DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION SPORTS ACADEMY, YET THIS COULD WELL HAVE BEEN ONE OF SEVERAL EXAMPLES MENTIONED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR DURING HIS DISCOURSE ON INCREASE OF FEDERAL PRESENCE.

4. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT DEUTSCHE SPORTBUND (DSB), WHOSE HEADQUARTERS LOCATED IN FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, IS PRIVATELY-REGISTERED ASSOCIATION UNDER GERMAN LAW (EINGETRAGENER VEREIN) WITHOUT GOVERNMENTAL CONNECTION. CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USBERL 02290 02 OF 02 150632Z

TION. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ACADEMY WILL REQUIRE NO ADDITIONAL LEGAL STEPS SINCE IT WILL BE ADMINISTRATIVELY AND ORGANIZATIONALLY PART OF DSB, WHICH WILL BE SPONSOR AND PROPRIETOR. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND SENAT WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMY BUT, AS NOTED REF D, THEY WILL BEAR COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION IN 60-40 RATION AND OF SUBSEQUENT OPERATION IN 75-25 RATIO. ACADEMY WOULD APPEAR IN FACT TO BE SIMILAR IN ORGANIZATION AND FUNDING TO PAUL LOEBE INSTITUTE OF KURATORIUM UNTEILBARES DEUTSCHLAND. SOVIETS MADE CERTAIN LOW-LEVEL NOISES WHEN THEY HEARD OF PLANNED CREATION OF HIS INSTITUTE LAST YEAR, BUT THEY SEEMED SATISFIED WHEN TOLD THAT IT WOULD BE PRIVATE NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODY. AS WE SEE IT, SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO SPORTS ACADEMY REST ON WEAK LEGAL GROUND AND CAN BE REBUTTED ALONG STANDARD LINE THAT NO EXERCISE OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY IS INVOLVED. ON OTHER HAND, WE SEE NO DIFFICULTY IN COMPLYING WITH SOVIET REQUEST THAT WE PASS THEIR OBJECTIONS ON TO FRG AND SENAT AUTHORITIES, SINCE WE WOULD NORMALLY DO THIS ANYWAY.

5. WE WOULD ENVISAGE, THEREFORE, TWOFOLD ACTION IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET STATEMENT:

A. BONN EMBASSIES WOULD, IF THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, CONVEY TO FRG REPRESENTATIVES IN BONN GROUP SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF ACADEMY. ALLIED BERLIN MISSIONS WOULD TAKE PARALLELED ACTION WITH SENAT.

B. CHAIRMAN ALLIED POLAD WOULD DELIVER RESPONSE TO KHOTULEV ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

BEGIN TEXT: I AM RESPONDING, ON BEHALF OF MY BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES ALSO, TO YOUR STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 13 REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE DEUTSCHE SPORTBUND OF AN ACADEMY FOR LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION IN THE WESTERN

SECTORS OF BERLIN. THE FEDERAL GERMAN GOVERNMENT
AND THE BERLIN SENAT ARE AWARE OF THE OBJECTIONS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 USBERL 02290 02 OF 02 150632Z

THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAS RAISED TO THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF THIS ACADEMY IN THE WESTERN SECTORS.
AS REGARDS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SOVIET OBJEC-
TIONS, THE ALLIES DO NOT CONSIDER THAT ANY POSSIBLE
QUESTION OF ILLEGAL FEDERAL ACTIVITY IS INVOLVED IN
THIS CASE. I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE DEUTSCHE
SPORTBUND IS NOT EVEN A GOVERNMENTAL ORGAN BUT IS
RATHER A PRIVATELY-REGISTERED ASSOCIATION UNDER
GERMANY LAW. THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE
ACADEMY IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN CANNOT
THEREFORE BY ANY INTERPRETATION BE
REGARDED AS ACTS IN EXERCISE BY THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT OF DIRECT GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY OVER
THOSE SECTORS. I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT THE
QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT TIES BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE WESTERN SECTORS WILL
BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED. END TEXT
GEORGE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: BERLIN QUADRIpartite MATTERS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 NOV 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975USBERL02290
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750398-0451
From: USBERLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751144/aaaabngn.tel
Line Count: 249
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 USBERLIN 2198, 75 BONN 17878
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27 MAY 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <22 OCT 2003 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET COMPLAINT AT ESTABLISHMENT OF SPORTS ACADEMY IN BERLIN
TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, GE, UR, GC
To: STATE BONN
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006